

HARRY JAMES AND ELIZABETH ANN FOWERS PHILLIPS

Harry James Phillips was born March 2, 1869 in Tipton, Staffordshire, England, the youngest child of Thomas and Elizabeth Nash Phillips. He came to America with his parents at the age of six, having attended school two years. He married Elizabeth Ann Fowers, June 15, 1898. She

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was born July 12, 1878 in Hooper, Utah, to John and Elizabeth Baird Fowers.

Young Harry traveled with his parents, brother Fred and sisters Rebecca and Jessie from England in 1875, arriving at Echo, Summit County on August 9, 1875. The family was met by William Ryan and taken to Heber where they endured a very hard winter of 1875 and 1876. Harry was able to attend school in Heber that first winter in the valley.

With only three years' formal schooling, Harry was able through diligent effort and a remarkable memory to attain a high degree of education. He never stopped studying and many would comment on his logical reasoning and brilliant mind.

After his father's accidental death in 1887 Harry operated the Phillips ranch for his mother until her death. He finished a beautiful two-story, four bedroom sandstone home and continued the prosperous cattle and farming business begun by his father. He later branched out into the sheep business also.

In 1905 Harry purchased the Dr. John W. Aird home in Heber and moved his wife and daughter Ruby Elizabeth and son Earl Harry there. From this home he conducted a profitable livestock business. Al Miller and John Daybell, two brothers-in-law, associated with him in the business and worked very harmoniously for some time.

For business reasons and to give their children the advantage of college training, Harry and Elizabeth moved to Provo in January of 1909. In 1919 he disposed of his extensive holdings in Lake Creek, Pole Canyon and Soapstone and discontinued the livestock business in Wasatch County. Throughout his days in the city, however, he never forgot that his greatest enjoyment was life as a cowboy, herding cattle in Wasatch County. When he died in Provo on June

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11, 1931 at the age of 62, he left to his family a heritage of honesty, industriousness and trustworthiness.

Elizabeth was the daughter of pioneer parents who lived in Hooper and then homesteaded land in Lake Creek beginning in 1869. As a girl she was disciplined in the habits of temperance, industry and religion, and actively participated as a teacher and officer in Primary, Mutual and Sunday School. She was Sunday School secretary in Charleston for four years.

After her marriage to Harry she moved to the Phillips farm in Lake Creek and began rearing her family. She also cared for several of her husband's nephews and relatives for many years.

Harry and Elizabeth's six children were Ruby Elizabeth, born June 1, 1899; Earl Harry, born March 18, 1902; Walter Fredrick, born May 17, 1905; Ray Thomas, born July 13, 1907; Reed Alfred, born March 27, 1909 and Joy Lucile, born April 18, 1920.

After her husband's death, Elizabeth continued to live alone, doing Relief Society and genealogical work. She also served as captain of Camp 2, Daughters of the Utah Pioneers in Provo.

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